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OBHEY VIEWS BURNETT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
CONGRESSMAN AND LOCAL OFFICIALS REVIEW USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
PAVING HIGHWAY 70

SIREN, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in the area today meeting with local officials to view the twelve mile-long paving project on Highway 70 that has recently been completed using more than \$3 million in federal economic recovery funds. This federal funding was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) directed to the State of Wisconsin and was provided through legislation produced by the Appropriations Committee which Obey chairs.

“Communities can’t grow and they can’t provide decent job opportunities without strong infrastructure such as good roads,” said Congressman Obey. “The purpose of the Recovery Act funding is to meet community needs, ease the squeeze on local taxpayers and help stabilize the economy by stimulating construction jobs.”

Obey said, “It is good to see that a significant share of the Recovery Act funds is finding its way into job creating projects that are North of Highway 29. The economic problems of the North are just as serious as they are in the more populous parts of the state.”

The efforts to upgrade Highway 70 in Burnett County included removal and replacement of guardrails, replacing signs and providing new pavement markings. The project was completed on an expedited timetable as a direct result of receiving the federal funds.

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